

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT GREENEVILLE**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**RICHARD STAPLETON**

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**No.: 2:17-CR-87**

**U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b) MOTION**

Comes the United States of America and pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b) states that the defendant has assisted authorities by timely notifying the United States of his intention to enter a guilty plea thereby permitting the United States to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the United States and the Court to allocate their resources efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

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